

SENATE RESOLUTION 43
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Thomas Ray Patton of Washburn.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Thomas Ray Patton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patton was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; he brightened the lives of all people with whom he came into contact; and

WHEREAS, he was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patton enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Kimberly, and was the proud parent of Joshua Shane and Brittany Michelle; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his grandparents, Luther and Claudia Patton and Charles and Myritce Smith, he is survived by his parents, William and Elizabeth Patton; his brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Lori Patton, Kenny and Tammy Patton, and Joe Patton; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Patrick Carter, Billie and David Smith, and Marie and Calvin Fritts; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Thomas Ray Patton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, even as we mourn the loss of such a vibrant and joyful life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Patton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.